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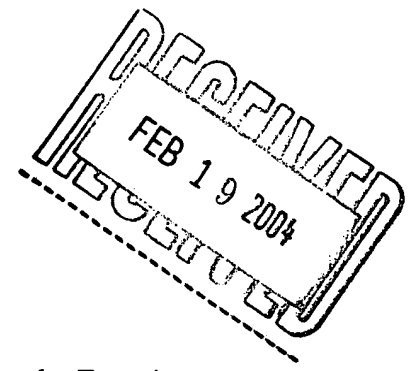
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT



Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed.

- U.S. Patent No. 5,537,642
- U.S. Patent No. 5,852,713
- U.S. Patent No. 5,619,615

D.J. Fermaint, "Global Network Management System (GNMS)", Military Communications Conference, 1994. MILCOM'94. IEEE Fort Monmouth, NJ, USA, October 2-5, 1994, New York, NY, pp. 660-663.

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report dated December 9, 2003 is enclosed.

It is noted that other documents cited in the foregoing Search Report that are not cited herein were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement dated December 23, 2003.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

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	5,537,642	07/16/96	Glowny et al.	395	800		
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